REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5 and 7 are amended. Support for the amendment can be found at least in originals claims 5 and 7, and page 8, lines 12-15 and page 9, line 17 to page 10, line 9 of the application as filed. No new matter is added.

Response to Restriction

In reply to the July 23, 2010 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-6 and 9-12, with traverse.

The Office Action asserts that Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT rule 13.1 because, under PCT rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature. The Office Action relies on JP 2004-14484 as allegedly disclosing the features of claim 1.

Claim 1 as amended recites, in part, "based on a correlation between a parameter related to the temperature of the coolant and the electric conductivity of the coolant, when the electric conductivity at the target set temperature exceeds a target electric conductivity range, the parameter related to the temperature of the coolant is controlled so as to maintain the electric conductivity at the target set temperature within the target electric conductivity range." This feature and a similarly recited feature in claim 7 is at least one special technical feature of the claimed invention that defines over the prior art. Claims 2-6 and 8-12 depend from one of claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, claims 1-12 relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT rule 13.1.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

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